

from consideration therein due to Applicants having elected to prosecute Claims 1-10 of the parent application in response to a Restriction Requirement rendered in relation thereto, as is reflected in the February 10, 2000 Office Action rendered in relation to the parent application.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the claims, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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